

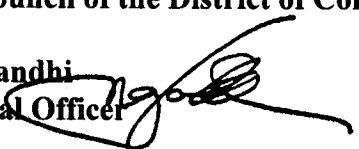
**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Vincent C. Gray
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: MAY 22 2008

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Health-Care and Community
Residence Facility, Hospice and Home Care Licensure Act of
1983 Amendment Act of 2007"

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation to be Introduced—No Bill Number

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 budget and FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. It is anticipated that District agencies could absorb the costs associated with implementing the proposed bill. However, if the number of cases involving prosecution for non-reporting are higher than anticipated, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) may require additional resources to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The intent of the proposed legislation is to assist licensing boards of the Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA) in carrying out their mandate of public protection by ensuring that health professionals who engage in unprofessional or unethical conduct or are professionally incompetent are reported to the licensing boards for appropriate action.

Specifically, the proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 44-508 to require a health professional employer, health-care provider, facility, or agency to submit to a government authority a written report that notifies the authority of disciplinary action

taken against a licensee, registrant, or certificate holder. Under the proposed legislation, failure to do so within 15 days would result in a \$10,000 fine per incident. The reporting requirement would not apply to employers of physicians who are covered by the specific provisions of the Medical Malpractice Amendment Act of 2006.

Financial Plan Impact

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